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lobby; but what about alcohol, what about obesity? We hear those two items. First of all, I also have an amendment that will follow this one that will increase the alcohol tax, a tax that has not been increased since 1987. Those with obesity, there is only one thing there that there is no secondhand obesity. There is secondhand smoking problems. So I would encourage you to consider at this time a 50-cent tax on cigarettes. I think we'll have a long-lasting effect on the health of Nebraskans. With that, I'd be glad to answer any questions that you might have on this very serious issue. Thank you, Mr. President.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Thank you, Senator Jensen. (Visitors introduced.) On with discussion of the Jensen amendment to the divided committee amendments. This is AM3259. Senator Brown, followed by Senators Janssen, Wickersham, Engel, Landis and Bourne. Senator Brown.

SENATOR BROWN: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, I cannot agree more with at least part of what Senator Landis said and that is that a cigarette tax should be about the health of our citizens, especially the health of our young people, and not be about dealing with the fiscal problems that are presented to us right now, because I believe that the reason for taxing cigarettes has to do with price...pricing so that young people will be less likely to start smoking or to start using other kinds of tobacco products. And I wondered if Senator Jensen would yield to some questions.

SENATOR CUDABACK: Would you yield, Senator Jensen.

SENATOR JENSEN: Yes.

SENATOR BROWN: Tell me how, under your proposal, we...we have a guarantee that this is going to deal with health-related activities and not just with our...a short-term solution to our revenue problems?

SENATOR JENSEN: Well, first of all \$5 million would go into the Kids Connection, which is a Medicaid situation that the state of Nebraska will have to fund, or should fund in my opinion. We're